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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO PRESS SPOKESMAN APRIL 10:

Q. ANY COMMENT ON THE STORY THAT ARKADIY SHEVCHENKO, AN
UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN, HAS REFUSED TO RETURN TO
THE USSR?

A. WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY MR. ERNEST GROSS, ATTORNEY
FOR UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL SHEVCHENKO,WHO INDICATED THAT
MR. SHEVCHENKO WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO THE SOVIET UNION.

Q. WHAT ROLE DID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PLAY IN SHEVCHENKO'S
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DECISION NOT TO RETURN TO THE USSR?

A. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN NO WAY ATTEMPTED TO INFLUENCE HIM
IN HIS DECISION. WE WILL CONTINUE SCRUPULOUSLY TO CARRY
OUT OUR OBLIGATIONS AS HOST COUNTRY.

Q. HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SOVIETS, WITH THE UN?

A. YES, WE HAVE INFORMED BOTH OF THE INFORMATION ABOUT

MR. SHEVCHENKO'S INTENTIONS PROVIDED BY MR. GROSS.

Q. HAVE THE SOVIETS PROTESTED?

A. THEY HAVE APPROACHED US WITH A REQUEST TO MEET WITH MR. SHEVCHENKO. WE RELAYED THEIR REQUEST TO MR. GROSS, WHO ARRANGED FOR SUCH A MEETING TO TAKE PLACE.

Q. WHO PARTICIPATED?

A. I AM NOT AT LIBERTY TO SAY. ANY OTHER INFORMATION WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM MR. GROSS.

Q. WHAT IS MR. SHEVCHENKO'S STATUS IN THE U.S. AT THIS POINT?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS ON LEAVE FROM HIS UN POST.

Q. WILL HE RETAIN HIS POSITION WITH THE UN?

A. YOU SHOULD ASK THE UN ABOUT THAT.

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